

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 473
By Walley

A RESOLUTION to honor Samuel Elisha Jones for his many contributions to Hardeman County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who have given unselfishly of themselves, their time and their talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, Sam Elisha Jones is one such remarkable person, contributing generously to his community; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career, Samuel Jones has served as a teacher, principal, farmer and community activist; and

WHEREAS, in 1937, Samuel earned a degree in agriculture education from Tennessee State University, where he lettered in football for four years and served as team captain; and

WHEREAS, he later earned a master's degree and went on to teach in many Tennessee counties; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Jones is contributing a gift of 125 prime acres of farm land in Hardeman County to Tennessee State University, making this their first ever charitable trust; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 1996, Tennessee State University is holding a deed signing ceremony and reception in honor of Samuel Jones, contributor of the first ever charitable trust to Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds from the sale will be invested in an endowment fund and the interest will be used to provide a scholarship to Tennessee State for a Hardeman County youth; and

WHEREAS, Jones wants the emphasis placed on those who want to teach children; and

WHEREAS, one of five children, Samuel was born on his family's farm on August 2, 1904; and

WHEREAS, although Sam and his late wife, Evelyn Bills Jones, never had any children of their own, they have three friends they looked upon as a son, daughter and grandson: John Archie Williams, Edie Jones and Bill Irons; and

WHEREAS, when asked why he wanted to donate his home place to his alma mater, Samuel replied, "Somebody helped me, I want to go on and help others. I feel keenly for the guy that needs help"; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Elisha Jones' dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Samuel Elisha Jones for his many contributions to Hardeman County, Tennessee State University and the community in general.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation, with this final clause omitted from such copy.

A RESOLUTION to honor Samuel Elisha Jones for his many contributions to Hardeman County.

A RESOLUTION to honor Samuel Elisha Jones for his many contributions to Hardeman County.

A RESOLUTION to honor Samuel Elisha Jones for his many contributions to Hardeman County.

A RESOLUTION to honor Samuel Elisha Jones for his many contributions to Hardeman County.

A RESOLUTION to honor Samuel Elisha Jones for his many contributions to Hardeman County.